

Proposed Questions for Sen. Heinrich (D-NM) for Ambassador Cantor Nomination Hearing,
April 28th, 2022

1. I am encouraged by President Biden's recent appointment of a Special Presidential Envoy, Ambassador Joseph Yun, to head the U.S. side in the Compact negotiations with the Freely Associated States. Will you commit to working closely with Ambassador Yun as the United States heads toward the next 20-year Compact period?
2. The Interior Department has a central role in the delivery of assistance under the Compact. The FSM has expressed serious concerns about the Interior Department's extensive oversight of details of U.S. assistance. If you are confirmed, will you work to improve the situation and better recognize the FSM's ability to manage assistance from the United States?
3. In the next 20-year period for the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) Compact, substantial funding will be needed for Compact sector grants to help the country address urgent needs in health, education, the environment, and infrastructure. These grants will be especially necessary in light of the major threats to the FSM and the region due to climate change. Will you support a substantial commitment by the United States to sector grants for the FSM, including increasing the grants to ensure that the country can adequately tackle the effects of climate change?
4. It is important to the Committee that assistance to the FSM not only be increased in light of climate change, but also that sector assistance be delivered to the FSM efficiently and in ways that eliminate potential bottlenecks and address the country's needs. As Assistant Secretary, how will you use your position to ensure U.S. assistance is delivered in the most effective and timely way?

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